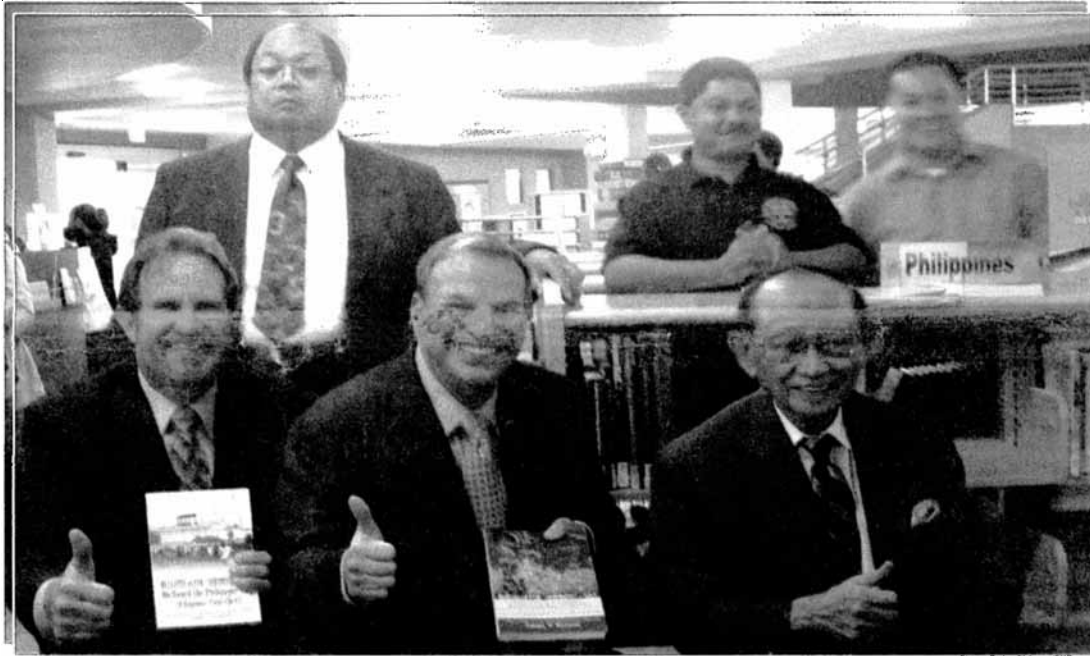


## FORMER PRESIDENT FVR VISITS NATIONAL CITY



Former Philippines President Fidel V. Ramos recently visited San Diego. His trip was highlighted by the presentation of a new set of books to the National City Library. He poses with Mayor Ron Morrison, Congressman Bob Filner, (standing behind) Glen Barroga and event supporters.

**“W**elcome to National City, the capital of the Philippines in the United States,” said National City Mayor Ron Morrison as he welcomed former Philippines President Fidel V. Ramos at the National City Library. FVR, as fondly called by his countrymen, was in town on Oct. 18 to meet with community members and friends. He was accompanied by his wife, Ming, and a grand daughter.

FVR’s visit was highlighted by the presentation of a new set of books to the National City Library, (located

at 1401 National City Boulevard). He has been donating books to this library since the setting up of a “Philippines’ Corner” almost four years ago, by Ann Campbell, former City Librarian.

“I would like our young people to know their roots and to be proud of their heritage,” Ramos said. He donated several books that are compilations of speeches and newspaper columns that he writes regularly in the Philippines’ Manila Bulletin.

Congressman Bob Filner, champion of Filipino WWII veterans, who worked for the approval of the Filipino Veteran’s Equity Bill in the U.S.

Congress, lauded Ramos as the hero of the People’s Revolution which brought back democracy in the Philippines.

Ditas Yamane, an active community volunteer and one of the organizers of the event, served as the program host. She was assisted by Glenn Barroga, Philippine Investment Advisor.

The full-packed conference room, composed mostly of the cross section of the Filipino community, proudly embraced the former President as he gave a brief update of what’s happening in the Philippines under the new administration and the prevailing economic climate.

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Benjamin Camacho and Joe Marasigan, Medical Director and President of PVIMM, respectively. The affair was enlivened by Ramos singing popular Filipino songs including his favorite Pangasinan song, "Malinac lay Labi", (Ramos is a native son of Pangasinan, one of the largest provinces in the Philippines). He was accompanied with a guitar by Nario Idos. He was joined at the podium by Nita Barrion and others in community singing, thus making the evening an affair to remember.

Among those present to welcome the Philippines' popular leader, were Congressman Bob Filner, 51st District U.S. Congress, Mayor Ron Morrison, City of National City, Deputy Consul General Dan Espiritu, Philippine Consulate General, Rosalie Zarate, National City Councilmember, Asst. Chief Cesar Solis, City of San Diego, Minh Duong, City Librarian, National City Public Library, Brian Clapper, Chairman, Board of Trustee, National City Public Library, Dr. Ben-

jamin Camacho, Chairman, Paradise Valley Int'l Medical Mission, Dr. Aurora S. Cudal, Chairman, NAFFAA Region 10, Merly Ferrer, President, COPAO San Diego, Dr. Ofelia Dirige, President/CEO, Kalusugan Community Services, Mitz Lee, president of the Filipino American Community Empowerment (FACE), Femie Cupit, President, Paradise Valley Rotary Club International, Felix Tuyay and Sal Flor of the Filipino American National Historical Society, Robert Andrade, President of the National City Filipino American Association, Pam Hooper, President, SCAPAL, Melyn Acasio, Mona Rios, Frank Lopez, Dr. Ceferina and Jay Ruiz, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Valenzuela, Nenita Barrion, Rita Buencamino-Andrews, Remy Broas, Vicky and Frank Lagula, Pete and Blanca Paloma, Marilyn Lammer, Remarie and Ronald Dinogan, Winlove Cudal, Arlito Reclosado, Annie and Nestor Silva, Nario and Cora Idos, J.R. Chantengco, Jerry and Marie Aguinaldo, Myrna Reyes, Beth Antiporda, Gracie Jess, Rey Yamane, Darell Yamane, Carlos Mangonon and many others.